

Principal's Greeting

This term saw the completion of new student gardens, the clam survey, a focus on study skills, International Literacy Week, drumming classes, learning about food security and food miles, what goes into making a t-shirt and a unit of work on advertising. Students are learning critical thinking skills, gaining an understanding of environmental and social justice issues, globalisation, persuasion and marketing. This learning links our students' lives to not just their PACE work, but also to issues of concern around the world.

This year has seen a marked improvement in attendance. Further, it is now rare for a student to come late to school. I would like to thank students and their families for their support in these areas.

Thankyou to Ms Maeva, Nurse Malvie, Mr Will, Mr. Neale, Mr Charlie and the admin staff for the valued contributions they make to our school and our students' learning.

Literacy Week

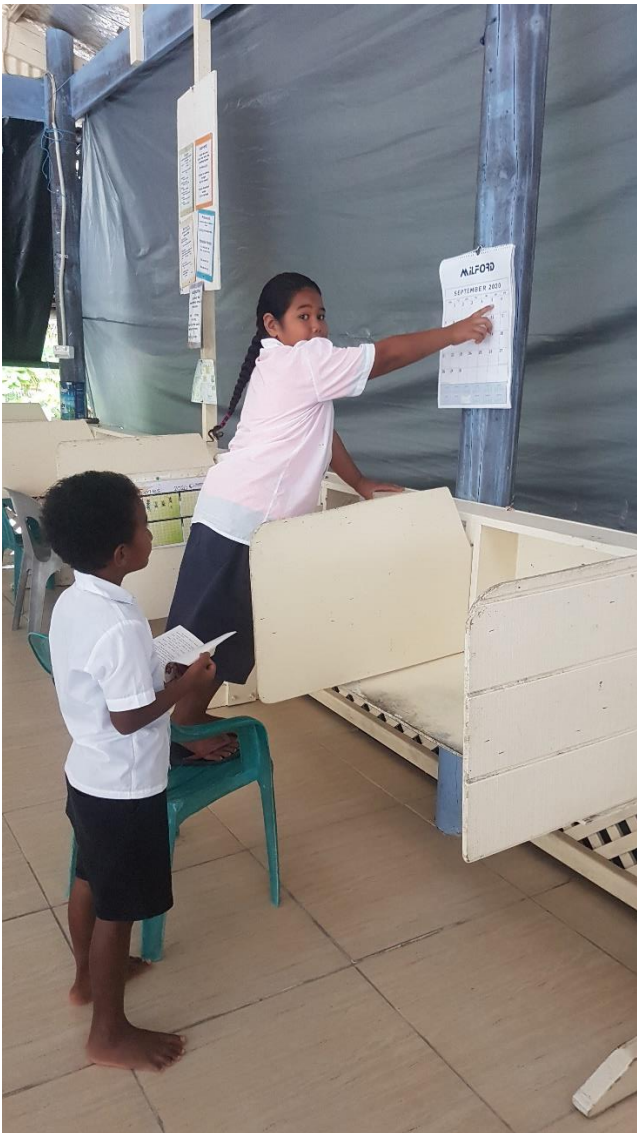
September 7– 14 was International Literacy Week. Like many schools in the Cook Islands and indeed, around the world, we had a week of fun filled learning activities. Our focus was on libraries and the care of books. We had role play activities, quizzes, and fun games. Students did virtual tours of a Kid's Library, a public library and a university library where students were surprised at all the interesting things that libraries can offer including free internet, games and even audiobooks, music CDs and movie DVDs. Students learned about the Dewey Decimal System and finished the week by making posters that showed what they had learned over the week.



Making posters Tamatoa and Robert



Literacy Week – caring for books in our library



James and Henry role play – return books on time



Deon and James – do and don't, caring for books



Literacy Week "What I Learned" posters



DEAR - Drop Everything And Read!



Jaymin- caring for books do and don't

Culture, Music, and Dance

Students ukulele playing skills have much improved with all students able to accompany their singing of hymns, particularly on Friday mornings – it is a joy to hear. During our daily Devotions, Deon, on guitar, usually leads the student singing after prayer, however we now have Tamatoa and Madeenia taking on this role with their guitar playing skills.

This term you may have heard drumming ring out across the island. Many thanks to Mr. Charlie and Tuaine for passing on their drumming skills and teaching our students. In the lead up to Te Maeva

Nui, under the guidance of Ms Maeva, students practiced their dancing skills and discussed the making of costumes.



Friday morning devotions



Drumming class under the tamanu trees



Learning from Mr. Charlie and Tuaine



Practicing together

Maori Class and Cook Islands Culture

Up until recently Maori classes focused on learning vocabulary. Now, our students are putting that vocabulary into practice by making sentences and communicating their ideas. With most families having at least one Maori speaker we encourage the use of Maori at home as this will be of great benefit to our students. Students can say Grace and the Lord's Prayer in Maori and it is being used in our classroom more and more when Ms Maeva communicates with students. Many thanks to Mr Neale for running our Maori class.



Te Maeva Nui practice – Deon, Tamatoa, Caroline and Robert

Palmerston Lucky School Citizen Science Clam Monitoring Project

This term the clam survey was held on 30th September on a sunny day with a reasonably high tide. Students are monitoring the clams along 8 transects, 1 metre out from each side of a line. Transect 9, does not use a line and is known as “the boys’ punga”. The day finished with a debriefing and kai kai. Thankyou to Mr. Neale, Mr Will, Ms Maeva, students and admin staff for their contributions to this important project. A special thankyou to Mama Tupou, Papa Bill, E.O. and Julianna for their contributions to the kai kai afterwards.



Term 3 clam survey



Deon, Henry, Robert, Mr. Neale and Tuaine

School Gardens

After several crops our school gardens have now been rebuilt and replanted with cucumbers, capsicums and bokchoy. Each student is responsible for the care of their garden – watering, weeding and pollinating. All students can look forward to reaping what they sow. Thankyou to the EO and admin staff for their hard work rebuilding the students’ gardens.



Henry, Caroline, Robert and Ray Charles



James, Tamatoa, Jamin, and Deon

End of Term Event

Our globe is one of our most important teaching tools in the classroom. So, in order to help students in their learning, this term students chose a country and dressed up as someone from that country. Students also made a food dish and communicated three interesting facts.

Our judges, Mr. Neale and Mama Orometua, did a wonderful job of scoring students’ costumes, food and interesting facts for the prizegiving. It was a great effort by all our students and I’d like to thank them and their families for their support in making our end of term celebrations such a fun event for our students. Congratulations to our prize winners, Robert (1st place), Ray Charles (2nd place) and Madeenia (3rd place). Julianna also won a prize.

Thankyou to all who contributed to the kai kai afterwards with special thanks going to all the community members who similarly dressed up on the day. Thanks also to Ms Maeva for all her organising and work behind the scenes and Nurse Malvie for the photos below.



Deon: French Polynesia



Robert: Brazil



Madeenia: Japan



Caroline: Papua New Guinea



Backstage with their food for presentation to the judges: Henry, Caroline, Madeenia, James and Aloysius



Henry (France) with the judges, E.O. and Mama Orometua



James: China



Aloysius: Mexico



Tamatoa: India



Students, families and community



Jaymin: America



International soccer game



Ray Charles: Italy